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**TIME ON THE INSIDE: Behind The Walls In A Maximum Security Women's Prison From An Insiders View**

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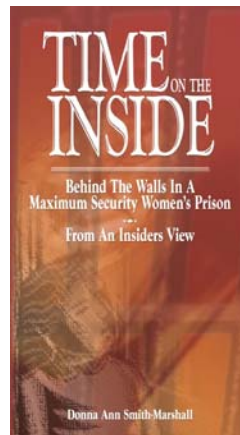
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## Our Youth Are In Danger of Prison Lets Fight Crime and Invest In Them

LONG BEACH, CA –January 2007 – Teens and young adults have great individual variations of temperament, development and behavior. Understanding adolescent's developmental progress is necessary in order to understand, accept or adapt his or her behavior into a suitable lifestyle or more teens will become a part of the penal system.

- According to SafeYouth.com more than 1 in 3 high school students, both male and female, have been involved in a physical fight. 1 in 9 of those students have been injured badly enough to need medical treatment.
- Statistics show that teens and young adults involved in gang activity are 60 times more likely to be killed than the rest of the American population.
- The U.S. Department of Justice states that 20 out of 1000 women ages 16 to 24 will experience a sexual assault while on a date and that 68% of all rape victims know their attackers.
- The U.S. Justice report also stated that 1 in 3 teens, both male and female, have experienced some sort of violent behavior from a dating partner.
- The prime time for juvenile crime is between 2 and 6 pm. High quality after-school programs, youth church groups and youth organizations teach kids skills and values and cut crime.
- Teens who are left unsupervised are three times more likely to engage in criminal behavior;
  1. More than twice as likely to hang out with gang members
  2. More than three times as likely to smoke marijuana; and
  3. More than five times as likely to use drugs other than marijuana
- In the past year, one in five of the teens surveyed had engaged in activities that could have resulted in arrest, and one in five had been the victim of a crime.
- Law enforcement leaders know that after-school activities help prevent juvenile crime by giving kids a safe, supervised alternative to hanging out on the streets.
- 13 million children in the United States, aged 6 to 17, are victims of cyber bullying.
- One-third of all teens and one-sixth of all pre-teens have had mean, threatening or embarrassing things written about them online. 70% re-offend on release or shortly thereafter.
- Common offences for which youth are sent to prison Gang violence, possession of marijuana and other narcotics, drug use, shoplifting, petty theft, property crimes, credit card fraud and forgery are the most common youth offenses.
- Youth Authority and Prison is often a very expensive way of making bad situations worse.

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Donna Ann Smith-Marshall, who is a 13 year expert in the field of women, youth and incarceration, motivational speaker and the author of this explosive, informative, new book; ***TIME ON THE INSIDE: Behind The Walls In A Maximum Security Women's Prison From An Insiders View*** August, 2006, is a welcoming change from some of the intellectual offerings for individuals wanting direct knowledge of the areas of the penal system that have not been spoken of in detail. Donna Ann states that "Taking the most troubled individuals out of society and punishing them in order to teach them how to live within society is, at best, ineffective. We must work to build self-sufficiency in our youth. Experts agree that the best opportunity to reduce crime lies in effective juvenile justice programming and aggressive delinquency prevention."

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